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Situation in Guatemala City this morning is calm as Castillo Armas did not (repeat not) leave last night and P-51 planes remain at base.

Delegation in touch with Castillo called on me at 9:15 a.m. and informed me commission from Base Militar was to call on Colonel this morning to discuss settlement. Delegation also requested my good offices to settle difficulties and I replied I would be glad to talk with anyone if it would do any good, suggesting that perhaps best solution was meeting of interested parties with Junta and myself. It has now returned to Castillo with this proposal.

We also understand senior officers of army were meeting this morning to decide on course of action and that large demonstration in favor of Castillo may take place later in day in connection with burial of liberation army partisans killed yesterday, said to number almost 30.

Further evidence this morning confirms Base Militar was in open rebellion against Junta and High Command yesterday and is still acting independently this morning. Haase, IRCA vice president, says Base Militar ordered him not to allow train to leave city without its permission and attempted to prohibit departure of train bearing liberation forces to Zacapa after surrender or Roosevelt Hospital. Train finally left at 10:08 a.m. after Army High Command countermanded Base Militar's orders. Haase says Base Militar still has armed contingent giving orders in railroad dispatcher's office, though General Staff this morning again told him Base Militar has no (repeat no) authority to give such orders.

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